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In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2125
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MAGILL et al.) Examiner: Sean P. Shechtman
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) <u>REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE</u>
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Dear Examiner:

Applicant's representative acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicant notes, however, that such statement of reasons for allowance appears to reflect only some of the patentable features of the independent claims. Accordingly, the patentability of each of the pending claims is assumed to be based upon the features as set forth in the pending claims, and that such claims meet all criteria for patentability under 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103 and §112.

As such, Applicant's representative hereby states that for all allowed claims whether or not explicitly identified by the Examiner in the Reasons for Allowance, it is believed the Examiner's reasons for allowance is that the features as set forth in such claims define an invention that is free of the prior art and that complies with all 35 U.S.C. §112 requirements.

As is clear from MPEP 1302.14,

“The statement [of reasons for allowance] is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state that all the reasons for allowance are set forth.”

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